

## Claims

- [c1] A lacrosse head, comprising:
  - a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;
  - a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
  - a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
  - a pair of opposing flaps extending generally inwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls toward a centerline of the lacrosse head; and
  - a netting coupled to said pair of opposing flaps; wherein said pair of opposing flaps is utilized for channeling a lacrosse ball into a decreased pocket size area for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head.
- [c2] The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing flaps has a plurality of string holes formed therein for receiving said netting and attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.
- [c3] The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, and said scoop portion.

- [c4] The lacrosse head of claim 3 wherein said one-piece integral frame further includes said pair of opposing flaps as integrally parts extending from said pair of opposing sidewalls.
- [c5] The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls includes a plurality of openings for receiving said netting and further attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.
- [c6] The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said pair of opposing flaps is contoured substantially similar to said pair of opposing sidewalls.
- [c7] The lacrosse head of claim 1 wherein said netting is at least one of a traditional pocket and a mesh pocket.
- [c8] The lacrosse head of claim 7 wherein said traditional pocket includes less than four thongs.
- [c9] A lacrosse head, comprising:
  - a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;
  - a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
  - a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;

a pair of opposing flaps extending generally inwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls toward a centerline of the lacrosse head, said pair of opposing flaps also extending generally rearwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls; and

a netting coupled to said pair of opposing flaps; wherein said pair of opposing flaps is utilized for channeling a lacrosse ball into a decreased pocket size area for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head.

- [c10] The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said pair of opposing flaps has a plurality of string holes formed therein for receiving said netting and attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.
- [c11] The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, said scoop portion and form a one-piece integral frame.
- [c12] The lacrosse head of claim 11 wherein said one-piece integral frame is comprised of a plastic material.
- [c13] The lacrosse head of claim 12 wherein said pair of opposing flaps is contoured substantially similar to said pair of opposing sidewalls.
- [c14] The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said netting is at

least one of a traditional pocket and a mesh pocket.

- [c15] The lacrosse head of claim 9 wherein said traditional pocket includes less than four thongs.
- [c16] A lacrosse head, comprising:
  - a pair of opposing sidewalls each having a top end and a bottom end;
  - a base portion extending between and connecting said bottom ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
  - a scoop portion extending between and connecting said top ends of said pair of opposing sidewalls;
  - a pair of opposing flaps coupled to said pair of opposing sidewalls by an overmolding process, said pair of opposing flaps extending generally inwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls toward a centerline of the lacrosse head, said pair of opposing flaps also extending generally rearwardly from said pair of opposing sidewalls; and
  - a netting coupled to said pair of opposing flaps; wherein said pair of opposing flaps is utilized for channeling a lacrosse ball into a decreased pocket size area for improving throwing accuracy and enhancing ball retention of the lacrosse head;
  - wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, and said scoop portion form a one-piece integral frame element.

- [c17] The lacrosse head of claim 16 wherein said pair of opposing flaps each are an elastic deformable covering coupled to said at pair of opposing sidewalls for cushioning said lacrosse ball.
- [c18] The lacrosse head of claim 16 wherein said pair of opposing flaps has a plurality of string holes formed therein for receiving said netting and attaching said netting to the lacrosse head.
- [c19] The lacrosse head of claim 16 wherein said pair of opposing sidewalls, said base portion, said scoop portion and form a one-piece integral frame.
- [c20] The lacrosse head of claim 19 wherein said one-piece integral frame is comprised of a plastic material.